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**Next Steps**

Ms. McCalla presented the near-term next steps which OFCM proposed as a result of the Forum. The near-term steps are those that can be addressed in 1 year or less.

Actions which OFCM will take in the first week after the Forum include:

- (1) Producing a forum summary.
- (2) Posting forum summary and presentations on the OFCM website.

Actions which OFCM will take in the next 3 to 4 months include:

- (3) Finalizing the forum proceedings.
- (4) Posting the forum proceedings on the OFCM website.

Actions which OFCM will propose taking 30 days after the Forum include:

(5) Forming an Interagency Working Group to develop and coordinate a **Plan of Action** to build a framework which will address the following cross-cutting issues and identify organizational responsibilities:

- (a) Regional ecosystems planning and management.
- (b) Urban observations.
- (c) Research and technology.
- (d) Urban modeling.
- (e) Information dissemination.
- (f) Education, outreach, and training.
- (g) Support for business continuity.

(6) Forming Joint Action Groups during the course of the year to work specific cross-cutting issues and invite outside participation from private and academic sectors.

A summary of the Forum, as well as Ms. McCalla's remarks, can be found on the OFCM web site: [www.ofcm.gov](http://www.ofcm.gov).